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Pages Learn About Legislature

Pages write bills

On Monday and Tuesday, each page wrote a bill designed to solve a problem. Topics for bills included driving age, noise control, reduced school hours for high-schools students, and cell-phone use. They reflect real issues that affect teen-age lives in Washington State. Once bills were printed, pages solicited so-sponsor signatures.



Senator Introduces Better Way To Provide Care & Education For Handicapped Children

Today, Senator Grace Alspaugh introduced Senate bill 7777, which addresses the issue of Handicapped Education. "The bill is a good one because parents and families will no longer have to worry if their child is getting the adequate care they need because if we have these separate schools each child will be ensured the specific help they need," said Senator Grace Alspaugh. This bill will ensure that all handicapped children (eighteen and younger) will be provided with a safe environment with enough teachers to take care of them. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on 2/2/05.

No More Second-Hand Smoke

Today, Representative Amira Davis introduced House bill 2222, which addresses the issue of smoking in public places. "The bill is a good one because when people are allowed to smoke outside of buildings and in public places, it puts all of the public at risk," said Representative Amira Davis. This bill would eliminate smoking in public places and the dangers of

second-hand smoke. People would no longer have to hold their breath when they walk past someone smoking. It would greatly reduce pollution. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 2, 2005.

Homeless By Gambling

Today, Senator Fenwick introduced Senate bill 5111, which addresses the issue of gambling. "The bill is a good one because large amounts of the homeless are broke because of gambling," said Senator Fenwick. In order to prevent large amounts of homeless people, every TV ad or show that is about gambling should be expelled from any broadcasting station. Every person on the staff of the TV ad or show will be guilty of a misdemeanor. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 2, 2005.

Board game simulates bill process.

On Tuesday, pages played a board game designed to simulate for them the process by which a bill becomes a law in Washington State. They came to understand that only about ten percent of the bills that are introduced actually become laws. They also experienced the frustration of having a bill "die" in the middle of the process.



Stop Abortion

Today, Senator Tabitha Griffiths introduced Senate bill 5555, which addresses the issue of Banning abortion and sex ed. "The bill is a good one because This will lower the money that the state spends on birth from teens," said Senator Tabitha Griffiths. This bill will help America Because teens won't be focused on sex. There will be no leeway you will pay the fine or go to prison if you don't This law will be enforced and if you

try to hide your pregnancy you will be fined double. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 2, 2005.

Intermediate License For 15 Year Olds

Today, Senator Gunderson introduced Senate bill 5998, which addresses the issue of giving an intermediate license to 15 year olds. "The bill is a good one because it will give transportation to those who are willing to work hard to pass the requirements," said Senator Gunderson. The bill will allow those who pass the driving requirements to receive an intermediate drivers license. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 2, 2005.

Privileges for those responsible

Today, Senator James Ham introduced Senate bill #5001, which addresses the issue of promoting responsibility and freedom of choice among High school Students. "The bill is good because it will allow students, grades 10-12, who have a GPA average of 2.5 or more and written consent from 4 or more teachers to leave campus. If these students should prove to abuse their privilege and/or come to class tardy more than twice, this privilege would be revoked. The Bill was heard before the Page School Legislative Committee on February 1st, 2005.

Cell Phones Allowed In The Classroom?

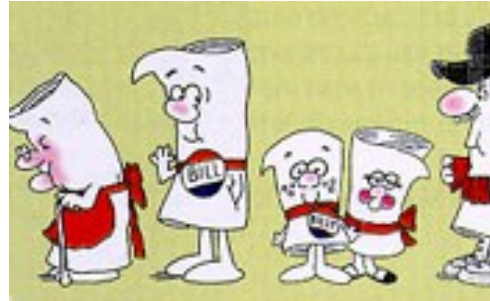
Today, Representative Amanda Hansel introduced House bill 1234, which addresses the issue of cell phones being allowed in the classroom. "The bill is a good one because students need to have a social life, and it is really hard to keep up with that life if you aren't allowed to use you cell phones in the classroom," said Representative Amanda Hansel. This bill really lets the students have a little bit more freedom in the classroom without having to leave the school. There is always going to be someone in the classroom that even if cell phones aren't allowed in the classroom that theirs will be on. So lets just let ever student have his or hers within reason. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 1, 2005.

Show the Love!

Today, Representative Ali Anne Hunt introduced House bill 3666, which addresses the issue of hate crimes and abuse. "The bill is a good one because there is so much hatred towards other people in the school environment for reasons that I find ignorant. Just because somebody's different, doesn't mean that they deserve to be hurt and abused for the way that they were born," said Representative Hunt. This bill would reduce the amount of hate crimes and abuse in the schools. If a student were to violate this rule, they could face expulsion. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on 2-2-05.

I'm Just A Bill video provides review of bill process

After playing the Bill Process Game, pages viewed the video *I'm Just A Bill*. Many of them stated that they remembered viewing this in elementary school. This short video accurately illustrates all of the steps in the process.



Bill About Break During School Time

Today, Senator Cassandra Maurer introduced Senate bill 6523, which addresses the issue of breaks during school time. "The bill is a good one because it provides kids with time during the day to do something about something other than schools. Doing away with recess for the younger kids is not the answer to better education. They need some time during the day to get their energy out, and this extra time spent outside with actually result in better thought process. The same goes for the older kids. They need the extra time to nap. In short, this is about them being able to better learn what is being taught to them," said Senator Maurer. This bill will enact a mandatory 40 minutes of break a day to kids K-12. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 3, 2005.

No More Recruiting Children Into War!

Today, Representative Kaeley Pruitt-Hamm introduced House bill 3999, which addresses the issue of Military Recruitment in Schools. "The bill is a good one because it would secure schools as safe havens from the incessant and inappropriate promotion of the corrupt system of war past generations keep thrusting onto this generation," said Representative Kaeley Pruitt-Hamm. Her bill proposes the barring of military recruitment officials in all public schools up to grade 12. Inspired by her personal experience in high school of recruitment officials visiting her school "at least once a week", Rep. Pruitt-Hamm hopes to save this generation from this injustice. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on 2-2-05.

Do You Think Schools Start Too Early?

Today, Representative Andrea Spake introduced House bill 1770, which addresses the issue of school operating hours. "The bill is a good one because it states that if schools start at

9:00 teachers will receive a \$100-a-year pay raise,” said Representative Spake. the bill is so that students get more sleep. If they get more sleep learn more. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 1, 2005.

Pages lobby their own bills

Pages practiced several lobbying techniques as they encouraged their colleagues to support their bills in committee hearings. They created posters, white papers, and speeches. In addition, pages completed media releases for this newsletter.



Senator Trevan Bangsund Writes A Bill

Today, Senator Trevan Bangsund introduced Senate bill 7654, which addresses the issue of cellular phone caused automobile accidents. “The bill is a good one because it could limit automobile accident deaths to a bare minimum,” said Senator Trevan Bangsund. This Bill states that anyone who is using a cellular phone while not in a hands-free position is guilty of a misdemeanor. This Bill would limit deaths caused by cellular phone tremendously. This bill is exempt to all emergency vehicles.. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 2, 2005.

Sex Ed In Schools May Take Steps Forward

Today, Senator Jordan Belmonte introduced Senate bill 6137, which addresses the issue of Sexual Education in Schools. “The bill is a good one because until now most schools curriculum has sexual education programs that focus on abstinence only, a program that while having its benefits clearly does not provide students with all the information they need to be safe and healthy,” said Senator Belmonte. This bill is designed to create and enforce a sexual education program in all public schools that educates students to the fullest, and gives them all the information about different methods of contraception. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 2, 2005.

School Lunch Time Prolonged For Middle And High Schools

Today, Senator Stephanie Bream introduced Senate bill 5555, which addresses the issue of school lunch time. “The bill is a good one because many of the students and staff do not have adequate time to consume their lunches in full,” said Senator Stephanie Bream. Bill 5555 would give students and teachers an extended 45 minutes for lunch everyday rather than the usual 30 minutes. With the extra time, students and staff would be able to finish their lunches. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 2, 2005.

New Bill Stops Teen Pregnancy.

Today, Senator Jasmine Camacho introduced Senate bill 6666, which addresses the issue of Teen Pregnancies. “The bill is a good one because it puts an end to family distress and prevents the common problem of transmitting of STD's,” said Senator Camacho. The bill will ask that use of condoms during sexual intercourse be mandatory, it will reduce the current teen pregnancy rate and will also help prevent the passing of sexually transmitted diseases. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 01, 2005.

Committees debate bills, vote

Pages participated in simulated committee hearings on Wednesday. They read their bills and ‘committee’ members, governed by the rules of parliamentary procedure, and debated the pros and cons of the bills. Amendments were proposed, some of which passed, most of which did not. When pages voted on bills, many ideas were passed on to an imagined legislative body.



Enforce Carpooling & Transportation

Today, Senator Tanya Davenport introduced Senate bill 5111, which addresses the issue of Pollution caused by cars. “The bill is a good one because in the future pollution will have severe consequences and it is best dealt with now be-

fore matters get out of control,” said Senator Tanya Davenport. This bill is designed to enforce carpooling and public transportation. If a drivers is caught alone they must provide information or permission about where they are going. If no permission is provided a fine is issued. Permission may be granted at a local D.O.L. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on 2-2-05.

Underage Worker Fairness Act

Today, Representative Duncan Fairley introduced House bill 1001, which addresses the issue of taxes on underage employees. “The bill is a good one because it lets underage persons who are employed in this state to pay only the taxes that they should,” said Representative Fairley. The bill will change the rules in Washington that allow the government to collect taxes on employees that are under 18, and are not able to legally vote. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 3rd, 2005.

No More Book Fees For Students And Their Families!

Today, Representative Mollie Mattsen introduced House bill 1234, which addresses the issue of students and/or their families purchasing books and literature for school use. “The bill is a good one because it saves the family money, and the kid still gets to learn as much as they would have been able to otherwise. The money that they don't spend on the purchasing of books and literature could go towards a better college or something,” said Representative Mollie Mattsen. The bill addresses families in public or private schools who have to purchase their own books or literature. It puts a stop to the payments, so the family can save money, and their student will still get as much education. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 2, 2005.

Homeless In Government Funded Camps Should Work.

Today, Representative Andrew Roley introduced House bill 2005, which addresses the issue of homeless camps. “The bill is a good one because it makes sure government money isn't wasted,” said Representative Andrew Roley. Tent cities are paid for by the government to help people “get back on their feet”. The problem is they don't have to; some people just live off of government money like welfare. Homeless tent city residents should have similar rules. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February second, 2005.

Graduation Requirements Change - Again

Today, Representative Brittany Ruiz introduced House bill 3355, which addresses the issue of Graduation Requirements.

“The bill is a good one because it was truly made for the best interest of today's students. I believe this is the first bill that students directly influence, no one coming up with an idea for them without getting their opinions said Representative Brittany Ruiz. One of goals of this bill would be to relieve stress from students, as well as schools. The bill is subject to pulling out the requirement of passing the WASL, Senior Project, and other options for physical education. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 1, 2004.

Amazing Event Occurs At Capital

Today, Representative David Waingrow introduced House bill 1234, which addresses the issue of Drug convictions and sentencing. “The bill is a good one because it will give Washington tons of money and free up the prison system for people who really need to be there,” said Representative Waingrow. The bill states that drug possession and distribution convictions should not exceed 4 years. The bill was introduced to reform the current maximum sentence of 7 years.. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on Feb 1, 2005.

Taking Off Seatbelts At Gas Pumps

Today, Representative Brittany Wells introduced House bill 3116, which addresses the issue of people not being able to get their seatbelts off in time before their car catches on fire. “The bill is a good one because it could save lives and burn issues,” said Representative Brittany Wells. This bill will enforce people taking off their seatbelts at gas pumps so that in case of a fire they are able to get out of their car and save themselves. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 1, 2005.

Lower Passing Requirements For The W.A.S.L.

Today, Senator Chris Weston introduced House bill 1024, which addresses the issue of W.A.S.L.. “The bill is a good one because If passed the graduation rates will go up,” said Representative Chris Weston. The bill is a requirement of a minimum of 39 percent passing. It makes it so the kids can pass a little easier. But they will have to take it every year. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on 2-2-05.

Swecker, Lantz, Shin visit, speak, answer questions

Senator Dan Swecker (R-20) Representative Pat Lantz (D-26), and Senator Paull Shin (D-21) joined the pages during their classes on Thursday. Each of them told students about how they came to be involved in politics and were elected to

their offices, and they discussed issues they are working on during this session. Pages were able to interact with these guests.



Senator Dan Swecker

Pre-Commercial Warnings May Change TV Forever

Today, Representative Filion introduced House bill 1111, which addresses the issue of television ads. "The bill is a good one because it will create a safer environment for watching television," said Representative Filion. This bill declares that there must be a rating for the following commercials. The commercials must have the same rating giving more time for commercials and no more ratings. Anyone who does not obey this law will be charged with a misdemeanor as well as a 100\$ fine. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on 2-2-05.



Representative Pat Lantz

Drunk-Driving Is Now A Felony!

Today, Representative Lammers introduced House bill 3678, which addresses the issue of felony charges of drinking and driving. "The bill is a good one because it will help discourage teens and adults to drink and drive," said Representative Lammers. This bill explains that anyone found above the limit in our state, should now be convicted of a felony, rather than misdemeanor charges. If convicted in a court of law, there minimum sentence should be one year. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 2, 2005.

Cut sadness not yourselves

Today, Senator Olivia Williams introduced Senate bill 1234, which addresses the issue of stop cutting. "The bill is a good one because the teens should not hurt themselves by cutting,"

said Senator Sara Ross. this bill is a bill that will help kids to not cut them selves any more. We also need to help the relationship with the child and the parent and this will help in some ways. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 2, 04.

Exposure To Drugs That May Kill The Ones You Love

Today, Senator Vongkhamchanh introduced Senate bill 5002, which addresses the issue of banning drug use. "The bill is a good one because saves lives and reduce the the chaos in society," said Senator Vongkhamchanh. The bill will issue adults and minors to jail or juvenile correction if found guilty to any drug use. If found guilty in any way; injected, smoked, eaten or sniffed, serious force of action will be taken. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on Feb 2, 2005.



Senator Paull Shin

Budget debate stirs emotions

Using actual state budget figures, pages debated how to balance the state's operating budget. Their task was to make up a \$2.65 billion deficit. "Is it always this hard?" asked a page as the debate intensified.



Abortion Is The Wrong Choice

Today, Senator Tulloch introduced Senate bill 3998, which addresses the issue of abortion. "The bill is a good one because it clearly states that abortion is wrong and gives more options for pregnant teenage mothers," said Senator Tulloch. It addresses the issues of abortion and gives the mother's other alternatives than terminating young life. It also helps clinics to have the use of ultrasounds so that the mother's can see the tiny lives inside them.. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 1, 2005.

Outlawing Drugs In "School Zones"

Today, Representative Kreiger introduced House bill 3999, which addresses the issue of school security. "The bill is a good one because it keeps children from exposure to drugs and alcohol," said Representative Kreiger. The bill outlaws use of alcohol within the vicinity of a school, and also gives school security the right to make arrests within that same area. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 2nd, 2005.

Jobs For Teens At Age Fifteen

Today, Senator Allison Smithingell introduced Senate bill 8888, which addresses the issue of letting teens have jobs at age fifteen. "The bill is a good one because it will keep teens out of trouble and it gives them their own responsibilities," said Senator Allison Smithingell. This bill allows students to have jobs which puts more responsibility on them and it gets them read for their future lives earlier. This would also allow them to save up money for collage and I think that it would make it so that more people would go to collage and get higher degrees. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 2, 2005.

Pages celebrate, mingle at Thursday pizza party

Thursday afternoon, pages took a break from their regular duties and socialized with each other while eating pizza. This was an opportunity for House and Senate pages to mingle.

Legislator Proposes Bill To Waive Higher Math Classes!

Today, Senator Spann introduced Senate bill 6119, which addresses the issue of Waiving Higher Math Classes. "The bill is a good one because it allows students to focus on what they specifically want to do with their careers if they do not require higher math," said Senator Spann. Bill 6119 creates a waiver so that students may receive math credits without having to take math higher than Algebra. It also gives the student more electives so that they can take classes related more closely to what they want for their careers. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 2, 2005.

Less Homework: More Relaxing For High School Students In Near Future.

Today, Representative Maddy Hagen introduced House bill 5239, which addresses the issue of the amount of daily homework given by their teachers. "The bill is a good one because students all over the state of Washington have been pressured to complete their homework assignments under ridiculous condi-

tions and they become stressed out which is not good for their mental and physical conditions. No student should be spending more than three hours maximum on homework each night," said Representative Maddy Hagen. The bill consists of strict guide lines that the teachers must follow (i.e. the teacher would be punished if the rules are not followed). The students will still receive homework, but the maximum amount of time that a teacher can give the students is one half-hour per teacher. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 2, 2005.

Reduced Graduation Requirements

Today, Senator Thomas introduced Senate bill 3945, which addresses the issue of Graduation Requirements. "The bill is a good one because," said Senator Thomas. This bill states that any high school student should be able to graduate high school even if they don't pass the tenth grade WASL. I don't think it makes much sense if the person isn't even going to need that certain field of skills for his or her future. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 1, 2005.

Jeopardy creates hit

On Friday, pages tested their knowledge of the Legislative process in a spirited game of *Jeopardy*. Winning teams were awarded certificates and brightly colored stickers that they wore proudly for the rest of the day.



Euthanasia To End Terminally Ill Patients' Suffering

Today, Representative Elliott introduced House bill 1001, which addresses the issue of the legalization of euthanasia. "The bill is a good one because it will help end not only the patients prolonged suffering, but also the suffering of their families. If you have ever had to watch a close family member die over a long period of time, and also in a lot of pain, then you know what I am talking about," said Representative Elliott. The bill proposed by Representative Elliott will promote and legalize euthanasia, which is assisted suicide of terminally ill patients. The bill gives patients that are in severe pain and with no hope of recovery the choice of ending their pain, and ultimately their life. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 4, 2005.

Page School on the web

The Page School has its own web site. You can find us at: www.leg.wa.gov/common/pageschool/default.htm This newsletter will be posted on the site early next week.

Gun bill introduced

Today, Representative Franks introduced House e bill 2000, which addresses the issue of guns. "The bill is a good one because people can buy guns and drink when their 21," said Representative Shawn Franks. I think that you should pass this bill because people can buy guns and go out drinking. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on 2-2-05.

Gressett Plans To Make Smoking In Public Illegal!

Today, Representative Janel Gressett introduced House bill 1001, which addresses the issue of Tobacco Use. "The bill is a good one because it could sufficiently reduce second hand smoke and deaths from cigarettes," said Representative Gressett. The use of tobacco products in public should be illegal, it is not right to put lives in jeopardy because some people have addictive habits. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 1st, 2005.

Better Traffic

Today, Representative Anthony Grieff introduced House bill 2343, which addresses the issue of Inner City Traffic. "The bill is a good one because it will decrease the backup of traffic in inner city streets," said Representative Erik Johnson. This bill will place restrictions on the operation of horse drawn carriages in inner city streets during periods of increased use. Periods of increased use are defined at from 6-10 in the morning and 3-7 in the afternoon. Weekends and holidays will be exempt from this bill. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 2, 2005.

Sweatshops Perilous To Humankind

Today, Senator Catherine Hwang introduced Senate bill 8236, which addresses the issue of sweatshops. "The bill is a good one because will reduce the amount of workers in hazardous conditions for extremely low wages. Sweatshops affect a person's physical, mental and social health. A person must not be forced to put his/her life in jeopardy for the sake of survival," said Senator Catherine Hwang. In order to reduce the amount of workers in the hazardous conditions of sweatshops, all merchandise must list the location/place of manufacture (e.g. China, Italy, etc.) as well as the site of manufacture (e.g. sweatshop, factory, etc.). All items must also include a brief description of the working conditions the employees were under. Any merchandise that

does not include the necessary information must not be sold; it may be donated to a charity, organization, etc. In addition, the company will be fined ten-thousand dollars. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 2nd, 2005.

Nap Time For High School Students

Today, Senator or Kimberly Kerlee introduced Senate bill 5555, which addresses the issue of School Education. "The bill is a good one because students of older ages do need a kind of break along the day of school, it would be something almost every student would want and would be more useful," said Senator Kimberly Kerlee. This bill explains a need of rest to further improve education. A simple break could easily increase the students way of functioning in the classroom and outside the class. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 1, 2005.

Page School teachers

Page School's 2005 teachers are (l-r): Omar Crowder, BJ Meiggs, and Becky Parchen



Private High Schools Possibly Forced To Form Own Athletic Leagues

Today, Senator Devin Lee introduced Senate bill 6789, which addresses the issue of private high schools competing among public high schools in the athletic field. "The bill is a good one because it gives small town public schools a chance to be successful in the athletic field," said Senator Devin Lee. This bill, should it be passed, would force private high schools to form their own athletic districts separate from public athletic districts. Many private schools are able to recruit players from much larger population areas throughout the state such as Seattle, Spokane, Walla Walla, and Yakima. Small towns then have to compete against athletes that could be varsity players at much larger schools. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 1, 2005.

House Bill Suggests New Education Funding Plan

Today, Representative Will Livesley-O'Neill introduced House bill 3999, which addresses the issue of education funding. "The bill is a good one because it distributes our state's education funding to help our "failing" schools improve and therefore enabling all of Washington's students to get a good education," said Representative Livesley-O'Neill. The bill would radically change the way education funds are distributed. A larger portion of the state education budget would be allotted to "failing" schools, or those schools whose academic and extracurricular performance are sub-standard. "Succeeding" schools would receive a smaller portion of the budget, but would be rewarded if they stayed in the top fifteen percent for five consecutive years. "Failing" schools which did not improve after five years would lose their failing status, and would be designated an amount equal to that of an average school. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on 2-2-05.



Increase In Minimum Wage

Today, Representative Erik Lund introduced House bill 2442, which addresses the issue of increase of minimum wages. "The bill is a good one because it addresses the issue of workers being cheated by their employers," said Representative John Smith. This bill was created to increase the minimum wage employers can pay their employees. It will cause the poor physical laborers to live in better homes and neighborhoods. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 2, 2005.

Have Guns Affected Your Life?

Today, Senator Mugler introduced house bill 1015, which addresses the issue of Gun control. "The bill is a good one because of the over exciting number of deaths due to gun use," said Senator Mugler. My bill will take the guns out of the hands of killers and place more authority in the hands of the police. This bill will start a new wave of freedom from fear in the hearts of many who have lost a loved one. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on 2-2-05.

Representative Moves To Prevent Wrecks And Road Rage Caused By Elderly.

Today, Representative Mulka introduced house bill 3675, which addresses the issue of elderly drivers. "The bill is a good one because it will stop wrecks and road rage caused by elderly drivers that cannot view the road, or are slower moving than other traffic, it's not speed that kills, but variation of speed," said Representative Mulka. This bill requires elderly drivers to take a test every 18 months. This test is to verify that said drivers can view the road sufficiently, and able to drive safely. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on May 18, 2005.

New Bill On Off-Campus Responsibility Introduced

Today, Senator Riley Norman introduced Senate bill 5454, which addresses the issue of non-mandatory off-campus passes for high school upperclassmen. "The bill is a good one because high school juniors and seniors are responsible enough to leave the school during their lunch without a pass," said Senator Riley Norman. This bill says that all juniors and seniors in high school should not need a signed pass to be able to leave their school grounds at lunch or when they do not have a class. Senator Norman believes that it is unreasonable for older students to have such low expectations from teachers and adults, they should be able to drive their cars to lunch if they please. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 2nd, 2005.

Cell Phone Bills Too Expensive.

Today, Senator Oakland introduced Senate bill 7241, which addresses the issue of Cell Phone Bills. "The bill is a good one because it will reduce the amount of money that cell phone bills cost," said Senator Oakland. This bill will make it so that 60 minutes will only cost \$2.00. For the first 2 years of a person's contract, they will receive an additional 60 free minutes a month. This will reduce cell phone payments for all people using cell phones. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 2, 2005.

Bill #5555

Today, Senator Rush introduced Senate bill 5555, which addresses the issue of Smoking in public places. "The bill is a good one because it helps keep people from inhaling second-hand smoke which is just as dangerous," said Senator Rush. This bill would ban smoking in public areas. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 1st, 2005.

Reducing Pollution

Today, Senator Ross introduced Senate bill 6543, which addresses the issue of pollution. "The bill is a good one because it will reduce pollution and health problems caused by pollution and create a cleaner environment to live in," said Senator Ross. This bill will reduce pollution by everyone driving hydraulic cars. These cars run mostly on electricity and partly on gasoline. In order to do complete this goal all the car companies will start to make hydraulic cars. After this bill passes everyone who wants to buy a car will buy a hydraulic car. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on 2-2-05.

Senator Tyner Wants To Discontinue Capital Punishment

Today, Senator Tyner introduced Senate bill 1129, which addresses the issue of the discontinuing of capital punishment. "The bill is a good one because the government wants people to learn that killing is a bad thing, but how can they say that, then go off to kill somebody. It just doesn't make sense to kill somebody to show that killing is bad," said Senator Tyner. Bill 1129 states that people convicted of murder would be sent to jail for as many years as the government thought necessary for the crime. If the accused pleads guilty, they will be thanked for their honesty and put in a relatively nicer jail cell, but will be forced to remain there for life. In each jail facility, the convicted person will serve at least five hours of community service each week. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 2, 2005.

WASL a Waste of Time

Today, Senator Wendi Flournoy introduced Senate bill 5678, which addresses the issue of The new high school graduation requirements. "The bill is a good one because we spend too much time on WASL preparation and not enough time on learning our curriculum," said Senator Wendi Flournoy. I think that the WASL takes way too much time out of our learning because we spend from day 1 till the week of the test preparing for the WASL.. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 2, 2005.

Hot Coffee

Today, Senator Eric Fode introduced Senate bill 68, which addresses the issue of disposable coffee cups. "The bill is a good one because people get burned a lot by hot coffee," said Senator Fode. This bill will create a new agency to create a new material that will be heat proof and will be used on all coffee cups. This will be funded by a one dollar coffee tax this will come out to be more than we need the extra will be moved to charity. The bill was heard in the Page School legislative committee on 2-2-05.

Are You Tired? School Schedules

Today, Senator Richard Hofstetter introduced Senate bill 6969, which addresses the issue of School start times. "The bill is a good one because it will make students create better study habits and work easier with more sleep," said Senator Hofstetter. This bill would intensify school-work in K-8 grades, building broad topics of skills leading to less high school busy work and allowing students to work at their own pace. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 2, 2005.

Historical pages

Our legislature has employed pages for many years. These photos are of pages who served in past years. The first female page served in 1937.

